



Policing & Community Safety Partnership

making South Belfast safer

2018/2019

Annual Report



South Belfast DPCSP

Belfast City Council

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Introduction from the Chair and Vice Chair

As Chair of the South Belfast District Policing and Community Safety Partnership (DPCSP) and on behalf of the Vice Chair of the partnership, I am pleased to introduce the Annual Report, which highlights the work of the Partnership during the period 1st April, 2018 – 31st March, 2019.

The South Belfast DPCSP consists of Elected Members from Belfast City Council, Independent Members appointed by the Northern Ireland Policing Board and representatives from seven statutory agencies. It is the range of partners that continues to allow effective, collaborative work to be conducted both with our partners and in partnership with communities.

Members of the South Belfast PCSP have remained committed to working in partnership in order to promote the efforts of all in tackling key issues such as anti-social behaviour, crime and other areas of concern that have a detrimental effect on our communities. A wealth of projects have been supported through our Small Grants process. All such projects have a common thread of helping to address key priorities as identified in the partnerships action plan. These projects often strive to engage with the young people of South Belfast both to divert them away from becoming involved in ASB or low-level crime but also to educate them on the potential ramifications that such involvement can lead to. We recognise that it is those young people who are the future and hence much of the work has sought to empower them to make informed decisions that will better place them to become valuable members of our communities.

The South Belfast DPCSP has embraced the Outcome Based Accountability method of planning and shaping projects. It has been heartening to see tangible outcomes delivered on our streets and outcomes that undoubtedly improve the south Belfast landscape with regard to issues such as those mentioned earlier.

The South Belfast DPCSP recognises that without the efforts of community groups and their volunteers the jobs of all our statutory partners would be that bit more difficult and as such, I would like to extend a thank you on behalf of our partnership to all such groups and people involved in them.

With the completion of the local elections, we have new political Members in attendance and we welcome them to the partnership. To those former Members who have now moved on, I would like to thank you for your contributions over the years. The South Belfast DPCSP remains committed to working in partnership in order to improve South Belfast and to support its status as a fine area to live, study, visit or work.

Emmet McDonough-Brown

Chair

Introduction from the Joint Committee

PCSPs receive annual funding (£4.25m in 2018/19) from the Joint Committee (the Department of Justice and NI Policing Board) with a legislative aim to work with their local community to help address crime, fear of crime and anti-social behaviour issues.

There have been many examples of good practice highlighted to Joint Committee by PCSPs throughout the 2017/18 year which showcase the good work being carried out on the ground. Joint Committee has also provided support to PCSPs to use an Outcomes Based Approach (OBA) as a more consistent and better means of measuring impact and improving transparency and accountability in the delivery of their work in local communities.

Whilst still early days, PCSPs are now routinely using all aspects of OBA in their work, with an action plan being completed using indicator and performance measure information; a project card template being used for each initiative and thematic report cards being submitted to Joint Committee every quarter from a governance perspective.

To support PCSPs in their transition to this new way of working, the Joint Committee developed PCSP planning guidance, which incorporates the following:

- Information on the OBA process;
- An action plan template which includes a review and summary synopsis to capture the rationale for continuing, amending or not progressing projects from one year to another;
- A set of agreed performance measures for generic projects;
- A project card template to be completed for each initiative;
- A thematic report card template to be used to help highlight impact at a more strategic level; and
- A framework showing how the work of PCSPs and their use of OBA supports the common Programme for Government Outcome 7 - We have a safe community where we respect the law and each other.

The NI Audit Office has also recognised the good work that PCSPs are doing with regard to using OBA and has included PCSPs as one of two case studies within the recently launched Performance Management for Outcomes good practice guide for public bodies – published on 15 June 2018.

Membership of South Belfast DPCSP

There follows details of the South Belfast DPCSP Members as of 31/03/19:

Elected Representatives



Councillor McDonough-Brown
(Chair)

Alliance



Councillor Donal Lyons

SDLP



Councillor Jeffery Dudgeon

DUP



Councillor Deirdre Hargey

Sinn Fein



Councillor Lee Reynolds

DUP



Councillor Geraldine McAteer

Sinn Fein

Independent Members



Richard Kennedy
(Vice Chair)



Michael Boyle



Paul McDonnell

Designated Members

The following statutory organisations are represented on the South Belfast District Policing and Community Safety Partnership:

- *Belfast Health and Social Care Trust*
<http://www.belfasttrust.hscni.net>
- *Education Authority (EA)*
<https://www.eani.org.uk>
- *Northern Ireland Fire & Rescue Service (NIFRS)*
<https://www.nifrs.org>
- *Northern Ireland Housing Executive (NIHE)*
<https://www.nihe.gov.uk>
- *Police Service of Northern Ireland (PSNI)*
<https://www.psni.police.uk>
- *Probation Board for Northern Ireland (PBNI)*
<https://www.pbni.org.uk>
- *Youth Justice Agency of Northern Ireland (YJA)*
<https://www.justice-ni.gov.uk/topics/youth-justice>

Attendance at South Belfast DPCSP Meetings - 01 April 2018 to 31 March 2019

	South DPCSP								
	Private			Policing Committee			Public		
	Political	Independent	Statutory	Political	Independent	Statutory	Political	Independent	Statutory
Apr-18	2	2	3	-	-	-	-	-	-
May-18	4	3	6	2	3	7	-	-	-
Jun-18	3	2	3	-	-	-	-	-	-
Jul-18	1	1	5	-	-	-	-	-	-
Aug-18	1	3	3	1**	3**	3**	-	-	-
Sep-18	2	2	3	-	-	-	-	-	-
Oct-18	2	1	3	2**	1**	1**	-	2	-
Nov-18	3	2	4	-	-	-	-	-	-
Nov-18	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Dec-18	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Jan-19	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Feb-19	3	1	2	3**	1**	1**	-	-	-
Mar-19	2	3	3	-	-	-	-	-	-
	23	20	35	8	8	12	0	2	0

** Meetings held, however no quorum of Members in attendance.

In addition to the above-mentioned meetings, Members attended 5 Outcome Based Accountability (OBA) Planning Workshops in order to plan for next year's work and as detailed below:

- Confidence in Policing
- Feel Safer
- Drugs and Alcohol
- Antisocial Behaviour
- Domestic and Sexual Violence and Abuse

In October the South Belfast DPCSP hosted the NIPB public consultation (South specific) as part of the local policing review. 28 members of the public attended the event as well as ten Partnership Members

Profile of Council Area

Belfast is the capital of Northern Ireland (NI) with a population of 340,220 in the city and over one million people in the Belfast region. The Belfast City Council area accounts for 18% of the population and 30% of all jobs in Northern Ireland. The city has a young population with 43% of people under 30 years old.

Ethnicity, Identity, Language and Religion

On Census Day 27th March 2011, in Belfast Local Government District, 3% of the population were from an ethnic minority population and the remaining 97% were white (including Irish Traveller).

49% belonged to or were brought up in the Catholic religion and 42% belonged to or were brought up in a 'Protestant and Other Christian (including Christian related)' religion. 43% indicated that they had a British national identity, 35% had an Irish national identity and 27% had a Northern Irish national identity (*NB. Respondents could indicate more than one national identity*).

Economic Activity

Belfast's economy supports 30% of all jobs in Northern Ireland with an employment rate of 69%. The city contributes to over a quarter (28%) of the region's productivity while the economy supports over 210,000 jobs, 92% of which are in the services sector and 31% in the public sector.

Belfast's knowledge economy is growing quickly. Its creative industries sector is the fourth fastest growing in the UK, with 1,646 businesses supporting 11,545 jobs.

Deprivation

In 2017, the Northern Ireland Multiple Deprivation Measures (NIMDM) indicated that five of the ten most deprived Super Output Area (SOAs) are in North Belfast (Ardoyne 2, Ardoyne 3, Water Works 2, Woodvale 1, New Lodge).

For the NIMDM Crime and Disorder Domain, 45 of the 100 most deprived SOAs are in Belfast, accounting for 26% of its 174 SOAs; the highest proportion of all LGD. The top five most deprived SOA within Belfast, according to the Crime and Disorder Domain, include: Falls 2, Shankill 2, Botanic 2, Water Works 3, Falls 3.

Health

Average life expectancy in Belfast is lower than the Northern Ireland average for both males (76.0 years) and females (81.1 years). In Belfast, the average life expectancy for a man in the most deprived areas is 9.4 years less than in the least deprived areas. For women, the average life expectancy in the most deprived areas is 6.4 years less than in the least deprived areas.

Education

79% of pupils in Belfast achieved at least 5 GCSE grades A*-C (or equivalent), less than the Northern Ireland average of 81.7% while 58.5% of pupils in Belfast achieved 2+ A-levels (or equivalent), more than the Northern Ireland average of 57.3%.

68% (3,526) of school-leavers went on to further or higher education; 28% of the working age population has a university degree or higher. The two universities in the city have 45,000 students, whilst the Belfast Metropolitan College serves 20,000 students each year.

Belfast PCSP and Community Planning

The Belfast Agenda is Belfast's first community plan, created by a strong partnership led by Belfast City Council. It identifies the work that will be focused on to unleash the energy and ability that exists in Belfast's people and communities.

Defining the Belfast Agenda has been a cooperative effort involving people across the city sharing their views of the challenges and opportunities we face and talking about the Belfast they want to live and work in.

The Belfast Agenda has been produced by a partnership of organisations involved in delivering services across the city. It is ambitious and dynamic and will drive action plans for Belfast over the years to come. Partners have committed to work together, with Belfast communities, to improve the city and ensure its long-term success.

The work of the Policing and Community Safety Partnership is included within the 'Living Here' theme of the Belfast Agenda. This theme aims to make life better for all residents by providing a great place to live, good houses, excellent local facilities and open spaces, healthy and safe neighbourhoods.

This priority recognises that Belfast must provide the opportunity for all of its residents to lead healthy, engaged and fulfilling lives as part of vibrant, growing, welcoming and sustainable communities and neighbourhoods. A thriving and healthy Belfast enables and empowers its residents to reach their full potential at every stage of life.

When asked how satisfied they were with Belfast as a place to live, 92 per cent of people answered the question positively. However, many citizens continue to live parallel lives with some communities still separated by physical barriers with the poorest neighbourhoods in Belfast continuing to be those located in and around interfaces and flashpoint areas.

There has been significant partnership work over the years to ensure that people in Belfast feel safe and are safe. Overall crime and most types of crime in Belfast have decreased over the last ten years.

The Belfast Agenda encompasses the continued work of the Policing and Community Safety Partnerships to ensure that local communities are safe and free from the fear of crime. Building relationships across communities is also central to achieving the vision for Belfast.

Ensuring neighbourhoods are safe remains a key priority for everyone in Belfast and strong partnership working has meant that we have good foundations on which to build. The Belfast Agenda underlines the commitment to work with the Belfast Policing and Community Safety Partnerships to deliver an integrated programme of work to improve all aspects of community safety across the city, including hate crime, anti-social behaviour and domestic abuse.

Belfast PCSP and DPCSP Funding

In 2018/2019, South Belfast DPCSP contributed to most of the city wide projects that are found in the Belfast PCSP Annual Report. That report provides **cumulative** achievements for the year across Belfast and is available from the website.

This annual report reflects the South Belfast specific projects that the DPCSP has funded in 2018/2019.

The Structure of Belfast Policing and Community Safety Partnerships



There follows a number of links that provide further information on the make-up and roles of the PCSPs:

- www.legislation.gov.uk/nia/2011/24/part/3
- www.justice-ni.gov.uk/articles/policing-and-community-safety-partnerships

Strategic Priority 1

To successfully deliver the functions of South Belfast District Policing and Community Safety Partnership

In order to help achieve this strategic priority the South Belfast DPCSP convened a number of meetings throughout the financial year and as detailed below:

South Belfast DPCSP Meetings Held - 1 April 2018 to 31 March 2019

	South DPCSP		
	Private	Policing Committee	Public
Apr-18	1	0	0
May-18	1	1	0
Jun-18	1	0	0
Jul-18	1	0	0
Aug-18	1	1**	0
Sep-18	1	0	0
Oct-18	1	1**	1
Nov-18	1	0	0
Dec-18	0	0	0
Jan-19	0	0	0
Feb-19	1	1**	0
Mar-19	1	0	0
	10	4	1

** Meetings held, however no quorum of Members in attendance.

Partners And Communities Together (PACT)

The South Belfast DPCSP (the partnership) has supported a number of Partners and Communities Together (PACTs) structures as a means of engaging directly with members of the public around a variety of issues including policing and general community safety. The meetings give attendees an opportunity to speak about issues affecting them and in the case of community representatives, to talk about issues affecting their respective communities. They provide a mechanism for promoting a solution based response and one that is collaborative through the promotion of community-based resolutions to community-based issues. Statutory members who attend provide the necessary support for ensuring that issues are either addressed at the meetings, or are forwarded to the relevant departments for further attention and appropriate actions. South Belfast has two PACTs and during the reporting period they met as detailed below:

- Wider University Area PACT - 7 meetings conducted
- Ballynafeigh PACT - 5 meetings conducted

Neighbourhood Watch (NHW)

Belfast PCSP are required to support NHW schemes and their respective co-ordinators across the city in conjunction with the PSNI and DOJ. This is a statutory requirement of the PCSP and must be included in each action plan. Within the Belfast area there is 78 accredited schemes and these schemes are a partnership between local communities, Police and Policing and Community Safety Partnerships (PCSPs). There are 35 NHW Schemes operating in the south of the city and these are run by dedicated volunteer Coordinators. The Coordinators are key to the success of these Schemes and they give of their time freely in an effort to deter acts of crime in their dedicated areas and they also act as a valuable conduit through which policing information can be shared in a timely fashion.

The aim of NHW is to help people protect residents and their property in order to reduce the fear of crime. It also helps to develop a stronger community spirit and promote confidence within communities that something positive is happening to prevent local crime.

The benefits of Neighbourhood Watch are as detailed below:

- Improve the safety of communities.
- Developing community spirit
- Promoting cooperation between the police and the community
- Helping the police detect crime through improved communication and reporting suspicious and criminal activity quickly.
- Preventing crime and reducing the fear of crime.
- Encouraging people to watch out for possible problems.
- Providing a visible sign that members of a community are looking out for each other.

Two joint East/ South NHW Coordinators event took place (March and October)

A citywide joint Coordinator NHW event took place in February at the City Hall. At the meeting those present received, various briefing from the police and their crime prevention officers and through an evaluation of the event the following was ascertained:

- 25 NHW Coordinators in attendance (11 from the south Belfast area)
- 89% of NW Coordinators felt the meetings were beneficial
- 83% of NW Coordinators felt supported, confident and equipped to fulfil their role as a NW Coordinator



Anti-Social Behaviour Forum (ASB Forum)

The joint South / East ASB Forum is serviced by the area ASB Officer and includes (amongst its membership) the police, NIHE, Youth Justice Agency and Housing Providers. The ASB Forum meets regularly in order to consider specific issues of ASB and ones where a potential perpetrator has been identified. The aim of such meetings is to best ensure that a robust, joined up approach is adopted when dealing with ASB issues. This approach ultimately benefits those affected by ASB by providing a person specific response, driven in partnership and one which considers the best options available to bring as speedy a resolution to the ASB problem in hand as is possible. During the reporting period the ASB Forum met on 11 occasions.

Strategic Priority 2 - To improve community safety by tackling actual and perceived crime and antisocial behaviour

During the reporting period the South Belfast DPCSP funded (in addition to Citywide project contributions) a number of specific projects as detailed below:

Wider University Area Capacity Support Project

The project provides capacity support to the community in the Wider University Area (WUA) of South Belfast, which continues to have the worst crime rate in the city. The previous capacity support project has enabled local agreements to be made, practical projects to be delivered, shared spaces redeveloped (run by locals) and a substantive improvement in community cohesion in general within the area referred to as the WUA. These positive outcomes have enabled residents of the area to consider how they want their neighbourhood to be and to start to address the underlying issues whilst proactively work towards improving the area in general as well as improving the wider public perceptions of the WUA. The work carried out thus far, has improved the sense of community, safety and quality of life in the area for both those residing there as permanent residents and for those passing through on their educational journey, as temporary residents. Below is a list of some of the pieces of work conducted as part of the project:

- Working with students to animate the community greens
- Working with the Big Lunch
- Complaints and advise Hub
- Community clean-up (14 August)
- Transition study follow up
- Hello Neighbour event held on 2nd October, approx. - 110 people in attendance
- Participatory Budgeting Seminar held on 20th November - 7 attendees
- HMO Seminar held on 30th November - 23 attendees;
- 7 Neighbourhood Surgeries held in the Holylands area
- Spring Gathering Event 17th March 2019

In addition to the above the following two pieces of work were delivered with the stated outcomes:

1. Growing Older Safer Seminar held in Queen's University Belfast

- 8 participants reported that the seminar improved their awareness of Growing Older Growing Safer in the Wider University Area
- 8 participants reported that they are more confident in how to access appropriate support services following this seminar:
- 8 participants were more likely to report incidents to the relevant organisations following this seminar

2. Spring Gathering Event held on the 17th March 2019 in the Holylands

- Over 300 attendees
- Survey feedback stated that the majority felt safer because of the events
- Majority surveyed felt the event had helped change the perception of the area
- Overwhelming majority feel that cultural events/initiatives can change the use and perception of the area
- 100% of those surveyed would support and participate in cultural and community-led regeneration initiatives in the area
- An overwhelming majority would support and make use of a permanent shared cultural space in the Holyland area



Growing Older, Growing Safer Project

CM Works were appointed in the 2017/18 financial year to conduct a consultation exercise with a number of adults at risk of harm, to identify levels of safety knowledge, trends and to identify gaps, the project was loosely based on the 'Lunch Club' format. This Consultation identified a low level of confidence in police; an unwillingness to report incidents or patterns of antisocial behaviour for fear of reprisal or being considered a nuisance; as well as a lack of understanding of the various options available to let the PSNI and other partners know what is happening and how it affects them. It appeared various barriers to personal safety existed. The consultation also suggested that the best way to get information to adults at risk of harm and to give them the confidence to use said information is through person to person contact and relationship building.

CM Works project delivery included the following:

1. A Scoping Exercise was conducted to identify (in South Belfast) lunch clubs, care homes that have a similar mechanism, and other locations that older/vulnerable people socialise/gather for activities on a regular basis.
2. A desktop exercise was conducted, into why older and vulnerable people are so reluctant to talk about personal safety issues.
3. A safeguarding leaflet was drafted for older people to help them feel safer and signpost them to appropriate resources and organisations

4. A meeting was convened with safeguarding partners in order to discuss findings and leaflet content
5. Held an older peoples networking and information event at which the aforementioned leaflet was launched
6. Conducted regular visits to lunch clubs and social gatherings with partners, including Neighbourhood Police Teams

Through the provision of the above, the following outcomes were achieved as part of this project:

- 150 Participants
- 25 Partner groups engaged
- 1500 leaflets distributed
- 100% partners felt more supported in their role
- 100% participants had an improved level of awareness, knowledge and understanding of improving older and vulnerable people in South Belfast to feel safer
- 70% of participants are more likely to report incidents to appropriate organisations



Pictured above are Cecilia Whitehorn CM Works and the Lord Mayor Deirdre Hargey with a copy of the safeguarding leaflet.

E-Pub Project

The E-Pub toolkit (Electronic- Personal use barometer for alcohol) is an evidence based intervention developed by psychologists in San Diego University; with a principal aim to facilitate personal reflection and initiate behavioural changes in the user. The project target audience was young people in 3rd Level Education at

Ulster University (Belfast campus). The project was delivered with the support of the Student Unions who promoted and fronted up the campaign.

Benefits of this project include:

- As an online tool it is accessible using a range of internet enabled devices and it can reach a large number of students
- The software can be tailored for individual Institutions
- It collects and collates statistical data on the drinking habits of students-allowing Institutions to develop and adjust alcohol education programmes as needed
- Embedded within the E-Pub survey is the Alcohol Use Disorder Identification Test (AUDIT). This screens for excessive drinking, and has been developed by the World Health Organisation

Through the provision of the above, the following outcomes were achieved as part of this project:

- 19 females and 7 males participated with 88% (23) reporting an increase in confidence.

Community Guardian Project

The aim of this project was to empower community volunteers with the knowledge and confidence to act as social guardians in their communities and thereby improve community safety locally. The Community Guardian Project delivered information, capacity building and training sessions to community volunteers using a safeguarding framework providing a preventative approach with an emphasis on appropriate reporting mechanisms and expected responses. The project included safeguarding children, addressing antisocial behaviour and safeguarding adults at risk of harm.

It provided positive opportunities for community volunteers to engage directly with Members of South Belfast DPCSP to build their confidence to improve policing and community safety. In addition, it provides a consultation network for the Partnership that will help it to be more effective in identifying and addressing policing and community safety needs across South Belfast. As a result of this project a number of signpostings and referrals were made to groups such as the Adult Safeguarding Team; Women's Aid; GPs; Health Trust; Dementia Services; Community Counselling Project and the Belfast City Council Consumer Rights.

The following outcomes were achieved as part of this project:

- 272 participants
- 36 partner groups engaged of which 100% felt more supported in their role
- 100% of participants with improved level of awareness, knowledge and understanding of the issues
- 100% of participants are more likely to report incidents to appropriate organisations

Strategic Priority 3

To support community confidence in policing

Small Grants Funded Projects

The following Policing and Community Safety Grants were funded by the South Belfast DPCSP as part of Tranche 1 delivery between March - September 2018:

DREAMSCHEME NI - Belvoir and Beyond Project

The project seeks to prevent and reduce the number of young people in Milltown and Belvoir getting involved in anti-social behaviour and the criminal justice system. The project also seeks to help young people make positive choices and build relationships in their community through participating in community activities, including intergenerational events.

The following outcomes were achieved:

- **Decrease in young people participating in anti-social behaviour. Target 30 with 27 engaged** - Year-on-year decrease (over 60%) in reports of ASB caused by target group (e.g. risk taking behaviour on dual carriageway, vandalism, intimidating residents),
- **Increase in young people's attitudes to self and others** - Improved attitudes towards self and others, evidenced in improved engagement and participation in group discussion, choices workshops and community service activities.
- **Increased feeling of safety from local residents** - Positive feedback from Belvoir Community Hub regarding contribution of Dreamscheme to community safety.

Greater Village Regeneration Trust - Making the difference, being the change Project

This project focused on topical issues which affect young people such as drugs & alcohol, relationship abuse, anti-social behaviour and peer pressure. A DVD and teaching resource was produced for use by local youth providers and schools.

The following outcomes were achieved as part of the project:

- 30 Young people educated on the role and responsibilities of the PSNI as well as the law in general - The PSNI were heavily involved in the project and input from the two Neighbourhood Police Team (NPT) was well received and praised by the organisers.
- The NPT held a number of Q&A sessions with the young people based on the various topics that were included in the film they produced.
- Young people participating in the project were advised on the laws as they applied to them.

- The film allowed young people to express themselves through the medium of art and film
- The film and associated topics came from the young people themselves
- The workshops explored the topics and looked into different ways of getting our message across which included the filming and future use of the completed DVD.

Ballynafeigh Community Development Association - Creating a Safer Ballynafeigh by Celebrating Diversity

The Programme enhanced community safety and improved relations and perceptions of the PSNI by promoting and celebrating the diversity of Ballynafeigh as a positive element within the neighbourhood. It engaged participants and heightened awareness of hate crime, sectarianism, racism, anti-social behaviour and its effects on society.

The following outcomes were achieved:

- Target 20 with 22 engaged - Engaged participants have a heightened awareness of hate crime, sectarianism, racism and anti-social behaviour, and its effects on society. It will have encouraged social responsibility and created opportunities for making new friends from different backgrounds and cultures.

Lower Ormeau Residents Action Group (LORAG) – Walkway Project

LORAG were engaged with weekend work targeting ASB in the area of the Walkway on a Friday & Saturday night. Their project centred around offering more youth engagement sessions at the weekend and specifically targeting Friday and Saturday nights.

The following outcomes were achieved:

- Regular engagement with 200+ young people on the Walkway/Market areas generally between 50 -100 weekly
- Workshops/debates with 100 young people on issues including underage drinking, ASB, drug and substance misuse, personal safety and safety for the wider community. This was achieved throughout the programme with weekly sessions within the drop in service.
- During the drop in sessions, there were informal talks and discussions with the young people attending, on the walkway and surrounding areas when engaging with the young people about the risks that they may face.
- Delivery of therapy sessions to young people teaching them how to do therapies and techniques on how to cope when stressed.
- Extended football provisions on a Friday night 50+ participants

- Discussions and issues based conversations took place looking at what may happen when taking part in risk taking behaviours in order to promote health & safety and personal safety

Irish FA Foundation – Stay Onside Project

Stay Onside Project will engage vulnerable or marginalised participants using football as a hook to upskill and prepare them for employment. Stay Onside Project was specifically designed for either current or former prolific offenders either within a community or custodial setting. Main aim to engage/upskill participants to deter them from offending.

The following outcomes were achieved:

- 8 Referrals from either PSNI sources (YDO/Neighbourhood priorities) or via probation/Youth Justice
- 2 Referrals from Greater Village Regeneration Trust
- 10 Engagements with young people who are not in employment, education or training
- 13 Engagements with people from areas considered to be disadvantaged within South Belfast

Greater Village Regeneration Trust - Know the Score Winter Safe Project

A winter project working with young people through schools and youth settings on drug and alcohol issues. The project had five elements including schools PSNI winter safe event, Youth group woodwork project and Youth group art/sports project, various workshops on drug & alcohol and a leaflet.

The following outcomes were achieved against stated objectives:

- **Young people will be educated on the dangers of drugs and alcohol -** EXTERN completed the workshops with both Nubia and Charter Youth Club kids and we held Q&A's on drugs and alcohol including what they had learned.
- **Young people will know the services available for drug and alcohol abuse and mental health helplines -** Young people from TREE NI created benches and etched in the numbers of the helplines and some saved the numbers to their phones should they ever need help. The youth club participants created artworks and made posters to demonstrate services.
- **Young people will build a better relationship with PSNI and departments within the PSNI and know the laws around drugs -** Young people had great interaction with the PSNI throughout this project and learned about the law and other practices when working with people with mental health issues.

- **To have a completed artwork mural on the wall at Blythefield 3g facility and benches** - Benches and artwork completed.
- **Young people will understand the role and responsibilities of the PSNI and the law, Target 30 to be engaged** - The police held a number of Q&A sessions with 30 young people based on the various topics included in the film, and they advised on the laws around them and the process for arrest/victim support etc.

Bardic Educational Arts and Media (BEAM) – Cyber Safe South Belfast Project

Through this project children will gain coping strategies with regards cyber bullying and e-safety which will contribute to a safer shared society. This project sought to have assisted the PCSP towards raising public awareness regards to e-safety, reducing cyber-crime and online safety issues.

The project aimed to achieve the following:

- The project increased children's understanding of the importance of e-safety and how to keep themselves safe online
- Children gained more knowledge of cyber bullying and how it affects everyone involved. Children were advised of the criminal implications of online misuse.
- A range of options on where to get help was discussed in detail with pupils, if they should experience online abuse
- Teachers were given a comprehensive, age appropriate e-safety teaching resource pack
- A hints and tips guide on different strategies and mechanisms to keep child safe online was distributed to parents/guardians of pupils

Outcomes from this project included the following:

- 806 Children and Teachers engaged as well as approximately 900 parents and families of those children
- We will deliver 24 age appropriate, prevent and deter cyber safety drama based workshops to approx. 600 Key Stage 2 children targeting all primary schools around South Belfast. We will distribute a teacher resource pack with hint/tips for parents and give copies to participating schools.

DREAMSCHEME NI - Belvoir and Beyond Project

This project aimed to help young people change their attitude to themselves and their own community, and leverage interest in the World Cup to explore, discuss and challenge racism and attitudes to people from other backgrounds; while providing attractive diversionary activities during the run-up to bonfire season.

The following outcomes were achieved:

- Decrease in young people participating in anti-social behaviour - Year-on-year decrease (over 60%) in reports of ASB caused by target group (e.g. risk taking behaviour on dual carriageway, vandalism, intimidating residents),
- Increase in young people's attitudes to self and others – Evidenced through improved attitudes towards self and others as well as improved engagement and participation in group discussions, choices workshops and community service activities.
- Increased feeling of safety from local residents - Positive feedback from Belvoir Community Hub regarding contribution of Dreamscheme to community safety in the area.

Budget Statement

To be included once finalised

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